

# Ripley County 4-H Fair

*Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, July 29, 2023*

## Sunday, July 23

10 a.m. Horse and Pony Show at the Ripley County Equine Center (Building #7)  
3 p.m. Poultry Show at the Poultry Barn (Building #5A)  
4 to 5 p.m. Ripley County Vesper Service at the Free Stage  
5 to 9 p.m. Project Exhibits Open at 4-H Exhibit Hall (Buildings #14-15)  
6 p.m. 2023 Ripley County Fair Grand Opening at the Free Stage (Shelter #2) Announcement of 2023 Miss Ripley County & Her Court, crowning Of 2023 4-H Junior King & Queen  
7 p.m. Grandstand ATV, Motorcycle, and UTV Dirt Drags (Sponsored by KOI Drag Racing) \$7 for Adults and \$3 for Children  
7:30 p.m. Awards Program (Exhibit Hall Projects) at the Free Stage

## Monday, July 24

9 a.m. Dairy Show at the Cattle Building/Show Arena (Building #5), followed by the Feeder Steer Show  
1 p.m. Cat Show at Farm Bureau Building #12  
3 to 5 p.m. Flower & Veggie Judging at the Farm Bureau Building #12  
5 p.m. Sheep Show at the Show Arena (Building #5&6)  
5 p.m. National Pedal Pullers & Racers registration at the Free Stage  
5 to 9 p.m. Open Class & 4-H Exhibits Open to Public in the Farm Bureau & Homemaker's (Buildings #10,12,14, &15)  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open - \$25 Wristband Night  
6 p.m. Horse and Pony Show (Mini 4-H/Versatility/Driving) at the Equine Center (Building #7)  
7 p.m. Show at Grandstands (Quad and Cycle Flat Drags)- \$7 for adults & \$3 for children

## Tuesday, July 25

9 a.m. Llama & Alpaca Show at Show Arena  
1 p.m. Swine Show (Gilt Show) at the Show Arena  
5 p.m. Swine Show (Barrow) at the Show Arena  
5 p.m. Ripley County Baby Show (\$5 entry fee, register at show) at the Free Stage  
5 to 9 p.m. Open Class & 4-H Exhibits Open to Public in the Farm Bureau & Homemaker's (Buildings #10,12,14, &15)  
6 p.m. Horse & Pony Contesting at the Equine Center (Building #7)  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open  
6:30 p.m. Show at Grandstands: Barnyard Olympics Adults \$7 Children \$3

***\*All events and times are subject to change\****

### **Fairgrounds rules for the week of the 4-H fair:**

**No alcohol • Shirts must be worn • No smoking in any of the buildings, under shelters, or in the grandstands  
• No pets on the grounds on or off the leash • No bicycles, skateboards, or scooters**

## Wednesday, July 26

10 a.m. 4-H Beef Show - Breeding Classes & After Lunch Steer Classes - at the Cattle Barn & Show Arena Building #5  
2 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship Contest Meat Pen Weight-in (Free Stage)  
4 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship (Free Stage)  
5 to 9 p.m. Open Class & 4-H Exhibits Open to Public in the Farm Bureau & Homemaker's (Buildings #10,12,14, &15)  
5 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Show at the (Rabbit Barn & Show Arena Buildings #4 & 5)  
6 p.m. 4-H Horse & Pony Free Style Show  
6 p.m. Lil' Miss/Mister Pageant at the Free Stage  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open - \$25 Wristband Night  
7:30 p.m. Grandstand Event: Mud Run  
Adult \$7 and Children \$3

## Thursday, July 27

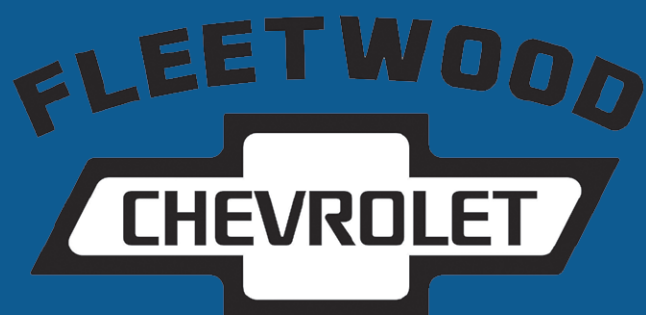
9 a.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show (Outside Show Arena)  
1 p.m. Meat Goat Show, followed by Pygmy Goat Show at the Goat Barn & Show Arena (Buildings #5 & 6)  
5 to 9 p.m. Open Class & 4-H Exhibits Open to Public in the Farm Bureau & Homemaker's (Buildings #10,12,14, &15)  
6 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Fun Show at the Ripley County Equine Center Building #7  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open  
7 p.m. Show at Grandstands: Automobile Racing  
5 and under free, Adults \$10, and Pit Pass \$25

## Friday, July 28

7 a.m. 10 a.m. 4-H Animal Release  
Non-auction animal release from fair (Animal Barns)  
10 a.m. 4-H Supreme Showmanship Contest - The Expert Showmanship Winner from the livestock shows as follows, Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Steer, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Pygmy Goat, Sheep, & Swine will compete for Supreme Showman at the Show Arena (Building #5)  
3 p.m. 4-H Livestock Auction at the Show Arena (Building #5)  
5 to 9 p.m. Open Class & 4-H Exhibits Open to Public in the Farm Bureau & Homemaker's (Buildings #10,12,14, &15)  
6:30 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Awards Night Pitch-In Dinner at the Ripley County Equine Center (Building #7)  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open  
7 p.m. Grandstands Truck Drags - \$7 for Adults & \$3 for Children (Sponsored by: Osgood Fire Department)  
7 p.m. Taylor's Karate - Tae Wkwon Do-Hapkido at the Free Stage  
7 to 9 p.m. Homemaker's Open Classes Exhibits released at Homemaker's Building (Building #10)  
8 p.m. Animals Released from the Animal Barns (Buildings # 3,4,5,5A,6,6A & 7)

## Saturday, July 29

10 a.m. - noon 4-H & Mini 4-H Exhibits Released  
5 p.m. 10 Year Member Dinner (Hopewell Baptist Church)  
6 to 10 p.m. Midway Rides open (\$25 Wristbands)  
7:30 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pull - \$7 for Adults & \$3 for Children (Sponsored By: Osgood Fire Department)



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## Ripley County Fair Baby Contest set for Tuesday, July 25

Check-in and sign-up will be 5 minutes before each category. The contest will begin at 5 p.m. in front of the Free Stage.

**Categories:**

- (A) Birth to 4 months
- (B) 4 to 7 months
- (C) 7 to 9 months
- (D) Multiple births, Birth to 24 months
- (E) 9 to 14 months
- (F) 14 to 19 months
- (G) 19 to 24 months

**General rules:**

- Contest limited to Ripley County residents
- Parent must have photo I.D.
- The date for all ages is figured from July 1, 2023.
- Entry fee is \$5 per child and 1 presenting parent
- Only ONE adult shall present the child on stage
- Child should wear ONLY a white or printed t-shirt or onsie (shoes and socks permitted). Any child not in the proper show clothing will be required to change or be disqualified.

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Kinsey Rohls smiles as she received People's Choice Award for 2023. She collected the most money for the pageant. This choice was for Foster Families and raised \$1,606.00. Pictured at right, Emilee Knueven is being pinned with the Miss Congeniality title at the Miss Ripley County Pageant held at the Damm Theatre in Osgood Sunday evening.



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WANDA ENGLISH BURNETT PHOTOS  
Pictured above left, Shelley Hoffrogge said her brother was her hometown hero. Her parents, Don and Diane, are holding her brother's picture. He suffered a traumatic brain injury, but is still in her life. Pictured above, Mackenzie Sparks stands between 2022 Miss Ripley County Karlee Bushhorn and 2022 Lil Miss Annie Patterson, as she is awarded the best formal wear honor. Pictured at left the girls are in their business attire.

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# Congratulations to the 2023 Ripley County 10-year 4H members!

<b>Jocelyn Allen</b>	<b>Blake Belter</b>	<b>Emily Brunner</b>	<b>Gracie Cregar</b>	<b>Lewis Darringer</b>	<b>Darcie Diem</b>
Parents: Nikki & Mike Allen Club: Pierceville Haypals Major 4-H Projects: Sheep, Pygmy Goats, and Genealogy Favorite Project: Sheep Future Plans: Jocelyn plans to attend Purdue University to major in Professional Flight Technology. She plans to become a commercial airline pilot.	Parents: Carmen & Gary Belter Club: Country Kids Major 4-H Projects: Swine, Pygmy Goats, and Garden Favorite Project: Pygmy Goats Future Plans: Blake plans to attend Purdue University to major in Horticulture.	Parents: Kurtis & Brandi Brunner Club: Lone Wolves Major Projects: Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep, Dairy, and Poultry Favorite Project: Dairy Goat Future Plans: Emily plans to become a CNA.	Parents: Crystal & Michael Cregar Club: Busy Bees 4-H Club Major Projects: Home Environment, Cake Decorating, Pygmy Goats, Gift Wrapping, and Meat Goats Favorite Project: Home Environment Future Plans: Gracie plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to become a Physical Therapist.	Parents: Jim & Paula Darringer Club: Faithful Workers Major Projects: Electric and Shooting Sports Favorite Project: Junior Leaders Future Plans: Lewis plans to attend Cincinnati State to obtain an Associate's Degree in Paramedicine and pursue a career as a Firefighter/Paramedic.	Parents: Doug & Toni Diem Club: Olean Volunteers Major Projects: Dairy Goat, Dairy, Dogs Favorite Project: Dairy Goat Future Plans: Darcie plans to attend Hanover College and major in Special Education and Elementary Education.

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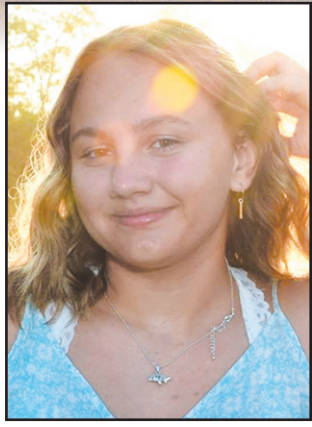
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**Anastasia Eckstein**

Parents: Josh & Staci Eckstein  
Club: Faithful Workers  
Major Projects: Cake Decorating and Dairy Feeder Steers  
Favorite Project: Cake Decorating  
Future Plans: Anastasia plans to take over her grandparents' catering business and work.



**Mack Eckstein**

Parents: Holly & Andrew Eckstein  
Club: Faithful Workers  
Major Projects: Photography - Salon Prints  
Favorite Project: Photography  
Future Plans: Mack plans to attend Vincennes University to study Conservation Law.



**Marissa Eckstein**

Parents: Tim & Crystal Eckstein  
Club: Morris Shamrocks  
Major Projects: Photography, Swine, Foods, Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Child Development, and Home Environment  
Favorite Project: Swine  
Future Plans: Marissa plans to attend Ball State University to study Early Childhood Education with the goal of having her own Preschool/Daycare one day.



**Jacquie Ferkinhoff**

Parents: Zack & Laura Ferkinhoff  
Club: Morris Shamrocks  
Major Projects: Swine, Photography, Floriculture, and Garden  
Favorite Project: Swine  
Future Plans: Jacquie plans to work with her family.



**Charity Frommeyer**

Parents: Paul & Angelica Frommeyer  
Club: Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Major Projects: Dog, Photography, and Foods  
Favorite Project: Foods  
Future Plans: Charity plans to attend Taylor University to major in Veterinary Science.



**Ashtyn Gindling**

Parents: Jenny & Matt Gindling  
Club: Faithful Workers  
Major Projects: Swine and Goats  
Favorite Project: Pygmy Goats  
Future Plans: Ashtyn plans to attend Thomas Moore University to get her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science before going on to get her Doctorate's Degree in Occupational Therapy. She will also be playing Division II Soccer at Thomas Moore.



**Cassidy Harmeyer**

Parents: Becky & Ben Harmeyer  
Club: Napoleon 4-H County Club  
Major Projects: Photography  
Favorite Project: Goats and Welding  
Future Plans: Cassidy plans to attend a college to major in Education.



**Jadyn Harrington**

Parents: Dawn Harrington  
Club: Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Major Projects: Dairy Feeder Steers, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Foods, Home Environment, and Beef  
Favorite Project: Meat Goats  
Future Plans: Jadyn plans to attend the University of Indianapolis to receive her Bachelor's in Psychology and minor in Physical Therapy Assisting.



**Josephine Hartman**

Parents: Phil & Kathy Hartman  
Club: Morris Shamrocks  
Major Projects: Sewing & Other Crafts  
Favorite Project: Other Crafts  
Future Plans: Josephine plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.



**Makayla Hiltenbeitel**

Parents: Michelle & John Hiltenbeitel  
Club: Faithful Workers  
Major Projects: Beef, Dairy Feeder Steers, and Swine  
Favorite Project: Beef & Dairy  
Future Plans: Makayla plans to attend college to become a Vet Tech, and eventually run her own show cattle company.



**Jacob Hoff**

Parents Names: David & Michelle Hoff  
Club: Morris Shamrocks  
Major Projects: Wood Science and Other Crafts  
Favorite Project: Other Crafts - Last Supper Pixel Art  
Future Plans: Jacob plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to major in Industrial & Systems Engineering.



**Evalynn McGuire**

Parents Names: Jon & Nicole McGuire  
Club: Country Critters  
Major Projects: Swine and Sheep  
Favorite Project: Swine  
Future Plans: Evalynn plans to attend Ivy Tech and major in Early Childhood Education.

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**Briar Meer**  
Parents: Jennifer Stone & Lee Meer  
Club: Lone Wolves  
Major Projects: Poultry, Swine, and Beef  
Favorite Project: Poultry  
Future Plans: Briar's plans are undecided.



**John Meer**  
Parents: Clifford & Nancy Meer  
Club: Country Kids  
Major Projects: Woodworking and Beekeeping  
Favorite Project: Woodworking  
Future Plans: John plans to enter the workforce.



**Luke Meer**  
Parents Names: Rick & Anne Meer  
Club: Country Kids  
Major Projects: Aerospace, Foods, and Electric  
Favorite Project: Aerospace  
Future Plans: Luke plans to work as an electrician.



**Olivia Neal**  
Parents: Fred & Alesha Neal  
Club: Junior Leaders  
Major Projects: Beef and Sheep  
Favorite Project: Beef  
Future Plans: Olivia's future plans are to attend Purdue University to major in Ag Business with a concentration in Marketing.



**John Reen**  
Parents: Sophie Reen  
Club: 4-H Pioneers 4-H Club  
Major Projects: Photography, Shooting Sports, Computer Arts, and Foods  
Favorite Project: Photography  
Future Plans: John plans to become a commerical pilot and study Aviation in college.



**Tristan Rowlett**  
Parents: Traci & Tommy Rowlett  
Club: Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Major Projects: Foods, Consumer Clothing, and Collections  
Favorite Project: Consumer Clothing  
Future Plans: Tristan plans to become an Interior Designer.



**Kaitlyn Sarringhaus**  
Parents: Jason & Jody Sarringhaus  
Club: Napoleon 4-H Country Club  
Major Projects: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Photography  
Favorite Project: Beef  
Future Plans: Kaitlyn plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to major in Elementary Education.



**Mason Schutte**  
Parents: Scott & Jenny Schutte  
Club: Morris Shamrocks  
Major Projects: Poultry, Garden, Wildlife, and Forestry  
Favorite Project: Poultry  
Future Plans: Mason plans to attend Indiana University to study Marketing with Business Analytics.



**Braydon Sides**  
Parents: Tim & Heather Sides  
Club: Country Critters  
Major Projects: Rabbits and Arts & Crafts  
Favorite Project: Rabbits  
Future Plans: Braydon plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio to complete their High Performance Motorsports Technology Program.



**Onika Struewing**  
Parents: Mark & Natasha Struewing  
Club: Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Major Projects: Welding, Sheep, Goats, and Floriculture  
Favorite Project: Floriculture  
Future Plans: Onika plans to attend Ball State University to major in Marketing.



**Emalee Veerkamp**  
Parents: Misty & David Veerkamp  
Club: Lone Wolves  
Major Projects: Rabbits, Photography, Foods, Recycling, Entomology, and Wearable Arts  
Favorite Project: Rabbits  
Future Plans: Emalee plans to attend Ball State University to major in Criminal Justice & Criminology with a minor in Psychology. After that, she plans to attend Law School to become a Litigation Attorney.



**Kylee Weber**  
Parents: Joshua Weber & Rebecca Brandt  
Club: Napoleon 4-H Country Club  
Major Projects: Dairy, Poultry, Vet Science, Collections, Lawn & Garden, Arts & Crafts, Floriculture, Foods, Food Preservation, and Microwave  
Favorite Project: Dairy  
Future Plans: Kylee plans to attend Purdue University to major in the Vet Nursing Program.



**Lily Welch**  
Parents: Alan & Crystal Welch  
Club: Country Critters  
Major Projects: Pygmy Goats, Computer Arts, Food Preservation, and Other Crafts  
Favorite Project: Pygmy Goats  
Future Plans: Lily plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to major in Journalism.

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## Prepare for a family day at the fair

- County fairs, state fairs and country fairs dot the landscape in late spring, summer and fall, offering fairgoers plenty of attractions and rides to fill warm days and evenings. Families who plan ahead for the festivities may be able to improve their experiences.

  - Purchase passes in advance. Some fairs enable visitors to purchase entry tickets, parking passes and even game vouchers online. There are advantages to doing so, such as bundling discounts. Buying tickets in advance also cuts down on time spent waiting in line.
  - Devise a basic plan. Look over the list of attractions and activities to gauge what you want to get out of the fair. Some fairs post their calendars online. With kids in tow, you'll likely want to check out any children's rides or animal exhibits and interactions. Create a generalized plan, but be flexible, especially when going with other families.
  - Think about safety. Fairs attract thousands of
- people and that can lead to confusion if children become separated from their parents. Write your mobile phone number down and put it in your child's pocket or bag, so he or she doesn't have to memorize it. Consider finding the tallest attraction at the fair (perhaps the ferris wheel), and make that the meeting point if anyone becomes lost. Snap a photo of youngsters when you arrive so that you'll have a recent image and know exactly what they are wearing if you need to engage law enforcement. Some parents tell their children to find another parent and ask them to help them contact security.

  - Time your visit. If the fair runs during the week and into the weekend, weekdays are likely to be much less crowded. Also, while not ideal, a cool day or one with a slight drizzle will cut down on crowds and improve the ability to see more things and get on more rides.
  - Factor in food. Fair food is an indulgence to enjoy
- when fairs come around. Rather than go overboard, pick one meal or item that the family will enjoy. Bring a backpack, if permitted, and fill it with bottled water and other light snacks so that you can tame hunger pangs and not bust the budget at the food court.

  - Understand game odds. Fair games are largely designed to earn the event money and not to cash out prizes to all participants. The chances of winning the grand prize, which may be a giant stuffed giraffe, usually are low, so it's best if children do not become overly concerned with winning a prize. Play the games for fun and memories and not to walk away with the biggest prizes.

In addition to these suggestions, parents can make sure they bring insect repellent and sunscreen to the fair. Dress for comfort and not fashion. These strategies can help families make the most of the county fair this year. TF227138



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